

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 60 and 63 are currently pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 60 has been amended and claims 1-59, 61-62, and 64-65 have been cancelled. Support for claim 60 can be found in the original specification including, for example, page 6, last paragraph, and original claim 62. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 62 and 63 would be allowable if rewritten in dependent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. See page 4 of the Final Office Action. Claim 60 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 62. Claims 1-59, 61-62, and 64-65 have been cancelled. Therefore, only allowable claims remain pending. Applicants earnestly solicit the timely allowance of pending claims 60 and 63.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Schwab in view of Lin

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 23-24, 26-27, 29-33, 35, 36, 38-42, 44-45, 47-51, 53-54, 56-58 and 60-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwab (U.S. Patent No. 5,669,938 hereinafter, "Schwab") in view of Lin (U.S. Patent No. 6,458,173 hereinafter, "Lin") for the reason set forth at pages 2-4 of the Final Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 23-24, 26-27, 29-33, 35, 36, 38-42, 44-45, 47-51, 53-54, 56-58 and 60-61 have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Yeh

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeh (U.S. Patent No. 6,447,557 hereinafter, "Yeh") for the reasons set forth at pages 4-5 of the Final Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56 and 57 have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Beimesch

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29-33, 35, 36, 38-42, 44, 45, 47-51, 53, 54, 56-58, 60, 61, 64 and 65 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beimesch (U.S. Patent No. 6,080,212 hereinafter, "Beimesch") for the reasons set forth at page 6 of the Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29-33, 35, 36, 38-42, 44, 45, 47-51, 53, 54, 56-58, 60, 61, 64 and 65 have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. This is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Examiner's Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 50-2961.

Respectfully submitted,

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